



PAJARO VALLEY FOOD, FARMING & HEALTH POLICY COUNCIL

November 10th Meeting Minutes

Attendees

Kathleen Kilpatrick (Safe Ag Safe Schools), Josue Barajas (Second Harvest), Kristal Caballero (SCCHSA), Alonzo Gonzalez (SPLG), Hektor Calderon (Safe Ag Safe Schools), Annie Puckett (CHT), Gustavo Indarose (CHT)

Welcome & Introductions

Annie Puckett welcomed the council, members shared brief introductions.

Governing Roles

Committee Chair & Co-Chair

The council discussed the expectations of these two roles. The chairs would act as representatives of the council, facilitate meetings and approve council meeting agendas. Staff will consider offering professional development opportunities for individuals who take on these roles. The Co-Chair will assume the role of Chair after a one year term.

Membership Committee

Gustavo Indarose confirmed Josue, Mayra and Kathleen are interested in working with this group. The group will convene before the January meeting to identify goals and strategy to recruit new members.

Presentation: City of Watsonville Pesticide Application Resolution

Thanks to the advocacy efforts of Hektor, Kathleen, and team with Safe Ag Safe Schools (SASS), Watsonville City Council decided to support a resolution asking Ag Commissioner Juan Hidalgo to advertise when harmful pesticides will be used by growers. The resolution states that growers must request permission from the Ag Commissioner to use hazardous pesticides and that permissions become publicly available. SASS was also influential in pushing the City of Greenfield to request the same public notice from the Monterey County Ag Commissioner. A consensus vote of



the council members via email will be conducted to determine the Council's support for this resolution.

Policy Updates

Calendaring, Announcements, and Closing Remarks

CAFPC Activist of the Year

Staff will send out a survey to vote for CAFPC's Activist of the Year. Staff requests that members submit their choice by 11/13.

Comprehensive Food Access Guide

Kristal shared that she has been working on a Food Resource Guide for Santa Cruz County that will be utilized by various local healthcare clinics. The Guide will be shared with patients who have been identified as being food insecure to be used as a food access resource.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 12, 2020 1:30-2:30pm via zoom